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DEWAN OF MYSORE

Do. No. 23.

Bangalore,
12th September 1921.

In continuation of my letter of this afternoon, I write to inform you that I met Major Curtis and the Commandant of the Imperial Service Lancers by appointment in my Chambers at 3 p.m. The Chief Commandant who had been phoned to by me to return at once had already left by motor and came direct to the office.

The immediate cause of this regrettable conduct of the Savars seems to be the ~~reduction~~ of the high price allowances, which according to a recent Government Order was reduced to ten annas in the rupee though there are other minor grievances, I understand. The Chief Commandant promised to talk to the men about their disgraceful conduct and tell them that if their representations were submitted in proper form, he will submit the same to Government for their favourable consideration. It was suggested by Major Curtis that such of the men as displayed rowdyism and were not ~~amenable~~ open to reasonable conviction should be exemplarily dealt with; but it was decided that action on these lines was called for only as a last resort. From what I saw of the men, I have every reason to think, that they will be amenable to reason and that there will be no room for any extreme measure causing anxiety.

I am going into the question and think that it may be necessary to continue the high price allowance until the re-organization ~~arrangement~~ question is settled, one of the principal features of which is the grant of free ration to troops as in British India. The adoption of this system was discussed when Major-Genl. Watson was here recently in connection with the Re-organization of the State Forces. Major Curtis emphasised this point to-day and was of opinion that the continuance of the Silahdari System is not desirable for more than one

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one reason and the sooner it is replaced by the system now in vogue in British Indian Cavalry the better it will be.

Just as I was finishing this letter I had a visit from the Chief Commandant who tells me that he ~~had~~ found most, if not all the men, returning to their duties this evening and that he gave them a good talking to. He apprehends no further trouble.

I shall keep His Highness informed of further developments, if any, from time to time.

Yours sincerely,
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